

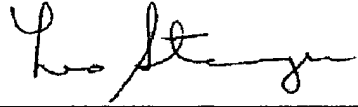
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Filed : **May 18, 1999**
For : **Voucherless Rebate System**
Art Unit : **3622**
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COVER SHEET FOR SMALL ENTITY & EXTENSION REQUEST

Sir:

In response to the May 23, 2005 Office Action, transmitted is an amendment.

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Multiple Dep. Claims, if any					\$ 00.00
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It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the December 14, 2004 Office Action be extended three months. A \$760 credit card payment is being sent by separate fax dated today. Please charge any additional amounts due, or credit any excess payments, to Deposit Account No. 194124.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the May 23, 2005 Office Action, please amend the specification and claims of this application as shown on the attached sheets.

Claims 1 to 54 are now in the application. Claims 47 to 54 have been added

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to claim 38. The Examiner alleges that , ""...wherein the step of forwarding includes downloading, in computer code, data concerning accumulated rebates to the merchant' appears to be inconsistent since in independent claim 31 the step of 'forwarding' directly involved transmitting the calculated rebates to the organization component.". Applicant has amended claims 38 to state that "forwarding **further** includes". Thus it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.